



To: MTC Executive Committee  
From: John Ficara, Strategic Planning Committee Chair  
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Subject: SPC Report to the Executive Committee, Spring Meeting

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During the July 27, 2023, meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee (Committee) in Austin, Texas, the Committee chartered a new project based on the request of MTC staff to revise the Public Participation Policy (PPP) for greater clarity, cohesiveness, and administrability. The PPP was modeled after California state provisions in the 1990s and has been modified occasionally, mainly to reflect developments in technology, with the last revision in 2014.

The Committee heard an update on staff's progress at its November 2023 in-person meeting in Montclair, New Jersey, and then held virtual meetings in January and February 2024 to allow for Committee and public comments on the drafts as presented by staff. No comments were received at either meeting. The Committee voted to approve the draft presented by staff in February for the public hearing previously approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee also approved recommended staff changes to the bylaws related to the revised PPP.

A public hearing on the proposed revision to the PPP was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, with MTC General Counsel serving as Hearing Officer. Special thanks to General Counsel Prosser and the MTC legal staff for all their work in drafting and refining the proposal. The revised PPP is being proposed for consideration by the Executive Committee during its spring meeting today and, if approved, for adoption by the Commission at its next meeting in July.

In addition, the Committee received an update on training efforts by MTC staff during the MTC fall meetings in November and its meeting this morning. The MTC is moving forward with a number of additions to the training program. The MTC has had high participation in the Partnerships and Market-Based Sourcing courses. State staff continue to ask to access and take these courses.

Training efforts, both virtual and in-person, continue to move forward. The recommendations in the strategic planning workgroup's report on training are continuing to be implemented. Virtual training is uploaded to a learning management system (LMS). A new LMS with improved features for users is being implemented. Additional training will be added to the LMS over the next few months.